

quarters, major terminal markets and port towns. The NCCF carries out its activities through 19 branches in different parts of the country.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Vacant Posts in IVRI

2234. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of posts lying vacant in the Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izzatnagar, category-wise;

(b) whether such vacancies are adversely affecting the functioning and progress of the institute; and

(c) if so, the action being taken by the Government to fill those posts?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a)

Scientists	---
Technical	157
Administrative	88
Auxiliary	16
Supporting	193
Total :	454

(b) No, Sir. We are running the Institute with the existing staff without its functioning and progress being adversely affected. Due to austerity measures, some of the posts have not been filled. Vacancies are filled only when absolutely necessary on functional basis.

(c) The posts required are filled on need basis.

Facilities on Railway Stations

2235. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA :

SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the names of Railway Stations in Gujarat where facilities like waiting room, restaurant, drinking water, lavatory, retiring room and shed on the platforms are not available;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard and if so, the number of such cases reported to the Railway Advisory Committee;

(c) whether there is any proposal to provide these facilities at these Railway Stations during the current financial year, and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (d). Facilities such as waiting rooms, drinking water and lavatories are provided at all stations. Amenities such as refreshment rooms, retiring rooms, sheds on platforms etc. are provided as per norms, based on the volume of traffic handled at a particular station and the number of long distance trains stopping, originating and terminating at the station. Therefore, the availability of amenities at all stations will not be uniform. Important stations and stations with a large volume of traffic are provided with all amenities whereas smaller stations with a relatively meagre volume of traffic are not provided the same quantum of amenities.

However, as a continuous process, the Railways conduct surveys to ascertain the adequacy of amenities at every station and the deficiencies, wherever noticed, are made good by including suitable works in the Railways Annual Works Programmes.

While framing the proposals for provision/ augmentation of amenities, the suggestions made by the various Consultative Committees are kept in view.

The Ministry of Railways, however, do not maintain this information State-wise.

Intrusion of Bangladeshis

2236. SHRI LALIT ORAON : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that there has been a continuous infusion of Bangladeshis in the country;

(b) if so, the name of State along with their number where they have settled;

(c) whether this intrusion is going on in collusion with the officers of the Border Security Force; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Government for checking their illegal entry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is difficult to estimate the exact number of infiltrators from Bangladesh because they enter surreptitiously and are able to mingle easily with the local population because of ethnic and linguistic similarities. According to available information, they are mostly concentrated in the North-East, West Bengal, Bihar, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Delhi.

(c) and (d) Action is taken to ensure that the Border Security Force personnel maintain a high standard of rectitude and integrity. The Government has taken several measures for prevention of infiltration from Bangladesh. These include, inter alia, construction of roads/fencing along the Indo-Bangladesh Border.

intensification of patrolling, including riverine patrolling, by the Border Security Force and implementation of the Prevention of Infiltration of Foreigners (PIF) and Mobile Task Force (MTF) schemes.

[English]

Transporters Racket

2237. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been invited to the news-item captioned "A racket worth crores", appearing in the 'Hindustan Times', dated the April 13, 1996;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the effective steps taken to check the thriving racket against the Traffic Police/Transporters in the Capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). According to the Delhi Police, no such organised racket has come to notice. Regular checking are conducted, inter-alia, by the Vigilance staff and action is taken against officials found involved in corrupt practices.

Settlement of Dues by Railways

2238. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases pending final settlement of the dues of the retired/deceased Railway employees for more than three months particularly the cases of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe employees in Ratlam Division of the Western Railway;

(b) the reasons for the delay in settlement of these cases;

(c) whether the responsibility for delay in settlement has been fixed; and

(d) the steps taken to make payment in all these cases expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Fake Notes

2239. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether the attention of the Government has

been drawn to the news-item captioned "ISI opens a new front with fake notes", appearing in the 'Indian Express', dated May 19, 1994;

(b) if so, whether Border Security Force recovered a significant number of counterfeit notes in April, 1996 from Jatha of pilgrims when they surrendered Pakistan currency before crossing the border;

(c) whether in April, 1996 Gujarat Police Crime Branch had also seized fake currency amounting to Rs. 35,000 from the narcotics smuggler;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government to the whole issue; and

(e) the concrete steps being taken to check the circulation of fake notes in the country by militant outfits and smugglers with a view to destabilising the Indian economy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) According to information received from the Government of Gujarat, 351 forged Indian currency notes of Rs. 100/- denomination amounting to Rs. 35,100/- were seized by the police in Kutch District on April 9 and 12, 1996.

(d) and (e). The State Governments/UT Administrations have been instructed to tighten the machinery to tackle the problem of counterfeiting of Indian currency. The RBI issues press releases from time to time to enable the public to distinguish between genuine and fake currency notes. The CBI has also created a Special Unit for exclusive investigation of counterfeit currency notes. The Border Security Force has alerted its forward troops to be more vigilant.

Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation

2240. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of the said proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). In response to the demand raised in Parliament the Press and the travelling public for bringing about qualitative improvement in railway catering services, it is proposed to set up the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation. The objective is to upgrade and professionalise the catering